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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, VS, ID  
SUBJ: INDONESIAN ICCS DELEGATION AND AIR AMERICA SERVICE TO  
REGIONS

REF: STATE 205237

1. DURING CALL ON DEPUTY ARMED FORCES COMMANDER GENERAL SUMITRO OCTOBER 18, LATTER STATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD AIR AMERICA MIGHT BE ABOUT TO DISCONTINUE SERVICE IN VIET NAM BECAUSE OF FAILURE TO RECEIVE PAYMENT FROM ICCS. SUMITRO SAID IT FELT IT WAS OUR WISH, AND HE AGREED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT, TO KEEP THE INDONESIAN CONTINGENT ACTIVE IN THE REGIONS AND SUBREGIONS.

2. SUMITRO WENT ON TO SAY THAT DHARSONO HAS PROPOSED THAT THE INDONESIAN CONTINGENTS IN THE REGIONS AND SUBREGIONS BE WITHDRAWN OCTOBER 18 (JUST PRIOR TO THE POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF AIR SERVICE). SUMITRO ADDED THAT IF  
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THE INDONESIAN MILITARY IN THE REGIONS AND SUBREGIONS HAVE

TO BE PULLED BACK, HE FEELS IT IS HIS DUTY TO BRING THEM  
BACK ALL THE WAY TO INDONESIA, LEAVING ONLY TOKEN GROUP IN  
SAIGON.

3. I TOLD GENERAL SUMITRO THAT I COULD NOT GIVE HIM A  
PRECISE ANSWER CONCERNING THE INTENTIONS OF AIR AMERICA  
BUT WOULD GET HIM ONE ON A PRIORITY BASIS. I NOTED THAT  
OF COURSE AIR AMERICA COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE  
SERVICES INDEFINITELY AND THE DEBT OWED THEM IS A LARGE  
ONE. IN THE LAST FEW DAYS, HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES  
HAS PROVIDED OVER \$5 MILLION AS OUR FINAL CONTRIBUTION  
TO THE CURRENT ICCS BUDGET (REFTEL) ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT  
YET GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL OF A \$40 MILLION BUDGET UPON  
WHICH LEVEL OUR CONTRIBUTION IS BASED. I ADDED THAT I  
HOPED THAT THIS WOULD ENABLE THE ICCS TO PAY AIR AMERICA  
A SUFFICIENT PORTION OF THE DEBT OWED IT SO THAT SERVICE  
WOULD NOT BE INTERRUPTED, AND THE ICCS COULD CONTINUE  
ITS WORK IN THE REGIONS AND SUBREGIONS.

4. REQUEST FIRM REPLY ON AIR AMERICA INTENTIONS  
SOONEST SO THAT I CAN REPLY TO SUMITRO ON URGENT  
BASIS.  
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